

Week Ending Friday, April 3, 1998

**Videotaped Remarks in a Message to Tracey Brown From Cape Town, South Africa**

*March 27, 1998*

Tracey, I wish you could have been with us when we heard President Rawlings in Ghana, President Museveni in Uganda, talking about your father and how much he did for Africa and how much he did to bring America and Africa in closer contact. And of course, on Saturday in Johannesburg, we dedicated the Ron Brown Commercial Center—your mom was there—to your dad's memory. His legacy will live on here because the center will promote economic progress and individual empowerment and democracy.

Let me say that I've actually read your book from start to finish, and I loved it. And your daddy would be proud of it. And it's just sort of sassy and braggy enough, right where he was. *[Laughter]* So I hope you sell a zillion copies. You certainly deserve it, and I'm very, very proud of you.

NOTE: These remarks were videotaped at approximately 4:15 p.m. at the Cape Grace Hotel, to congratulate Ms. Brown on publication of her biography of her father, "The Life and Times of Ron Brown." In his remarks, the President referred to Ms. Brown's mother, Alma Brown. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

**Remarks at a Dinner Hosted by President Nelson Mandela in Somerset West, South Africa**

*March 27, 1998*

Thank you very much. Mr. President, Mr. Deputy President, Ministers, Members of Parliament, members of the Judiciary, Your Majesties, Your Excellencies, Archbishop Tutu, ladies and gentlemen. First let me

thank you for your hospitality to Hillary and me and our delegation. We have had a wonderful time in South Africa. And I thank you, Mr. President, for the power of your leadership and the power of your example.

Today, when we toured Robben Island, I was reminded again that though you were locked in prison for a long time, you opened others' minds and hearts; you helped to educate your fellow inmates; you kindled the flame of humanity in your jailers; you planted a garden in the courtyard of Robben Island because of your faith in renewal. I can't imagine anyone I would rather receive an Order of Good Hope from than you.

And when, after 10,000 days of captivity, the gates of prison were opened, you emerged to face your nation unbitter and unbroken. That is the condition I hope the tent will maintain. *[Laughter]*

And truly you have built a new South Africa where all its people have a stake in the future. The symbols of that new South Africa are all around us. From your multiracial Parliament where I was honored to speak yesterday, to flourishing businesses where all races work side by side, to the very banquet we attend tonight, the people who work, the people who are seated, all of us here together, South Africa is a monument to the power of reconciliation.

Tonight we celebrate all you have accomplished. We pledge the partnership and friendship of the United States for the daunting work ahead, for seizing the challenges and the opportunities that face you today and in the century just around the corner.

I remember when we hosted the Olympic games in Atlanta in 1996. On the final day, the first black South African ever to win a gold medal in Olympic competition, Josiah Tungwane, dedicated his victory to his country and to President Mandela. I think it is worth recalling that his victory came in the marathon.